

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, VE

SUBJECT: GOV DENIES PERMISSION FOR PANAM FLIGHT

REF: A) CARACAS 6287, B) CARACAS 4243, C) CARACAS 3126  
D) CARACAS 2527

1. GOV DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT, GENERAL SUAREZ, HAS INFORMED LOCAL PANAM REPRESENTATIVE THAT GOV WILL NOT PERMIT PANAM TO OPERATE THE ONCE-A-WEEK NEW YORK-CARACAS-NEW YORK SUMMER FLIGHT. THIS FLIGHT, A 747, OPERATES FROM JULY 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23 AND IS FULLY BOOKED.

2. THIS ACTION IS CONTRARY TO OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS FLIGHT WAS FILED WITH GOV ON MARCH 28. GOV DID NOT REFUSE WITHIN THE ALLOTTED TIME. GOV DOES CLAIM THAT 42 DAYS LATER (AND WELL PAST THE ALLOTTED TIME) IT SENT A NOTE ADVISING THE U.S. EMBASSY THAT THE SUMMER FLIGHT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. THE EMBASSY NEVER RECEIVED THE NOTE AND HAS SO INFORMED THE GOV. IN SPITE OF THESE ABOVE TWO FACTORS, OF WHICH THE GOV IS FULLY AWARE, PERMISSION FOR THE SUMMER NEW YORK-CARACAS-NEW YORK FLIGHT HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN.

3. LOCAL PANAM REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ADVISING PANAM HEAD-  
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QUARTERS AND THEY NO DOUBT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

4. WE ARE TRYING TO REACH AMBASSADOR MARIANO TIRADO, OUR CHANNEL FOR DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE. A REPORT OF THAT CONVERSATION WILL FOLLOW.

5. COMMENT: GOV CIVAIR AUTHORITIES REMAIN UNEASY AND DEFENSIVE

OVER EVENTS OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS (REFTELS) AND PERCEIVE THAT  
THEY STILL HAVE LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES. NEGATIVE GOV DECISIONS  
REGARDING CARGO SERVICE TO MARACAIBO AND THE REFUSAL OF THE  
NEW YORK-CARACAS-NEW YORK FLIGHT ARE MANIFESTATION OF THIS.  
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